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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAFETY PROJECT GROUP 1
PROJECT ID NO. TDS0001707
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS, BASSETT, COVINA, AND
NORTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to procure a construction contract for the San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Safety Project Group 1 project in the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights, Bassett, Covina, and North Whittier.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Project Management Division III of Public Works for the San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Safety Project Group 1 project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,000,000 to \$1,300,000.

BIDS: April 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on April 4, 2023, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.

5. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code Section 3400 (c) 2 that it is necessary to specify the designated items by specific brand name to match other products already in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Safety Project Group 1 project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$1,000,000 and \$1,300,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional funds have been identified.

7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to construct traffic signal improvements at the intersections of Covina Boulevard at Hollenbeck Avenue, Cypress Street at Vincent Avenue, and Workman Mill Road at Lomitas Avenue (see Enclosure A).

The project consists of the installation and modification of traffic signals; reconstruction of curbs and gutters and curb ramps; and installation of striping and pavement markings to include fully protected left-turn phasing. Public Works conducted left-turn studies at various intersections. Recommendations from the study included fully protected left-turn phasing at each intersection. The project will implement the fully protected left-turn phasing and incorporate other safety improvements.

The County's Vision Zero Action Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 3, 2020, identifies portions of Covina Boulevard, Cypress Street, and Vincent Avenue as Collision Concentration Corridors. The project will implement safety elements that are aligned with the Vision Zero initiative and can help reduce traffic fatalities.

It is anticipated the work will start in November 2023 and be completed in April 2024.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended action supports ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,000,000 to \$1,300,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,400,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental mitigation, and other County services.

The project will be administered under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-Aid Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,252,100 will be used to finance a portion of the qualifying project cost.

The project will be funded using the State of California Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds allocated to the County under the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Senate Bill 1. Funding for this project is included in the Road Fund (B03-Capital Assets – Infrastructure and B03 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

A list of specific brand names and qualified purposes in accordance with the State Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure B.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

This project contains Federal funding prohibiting the application of preferences included within the Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy. Accordingly, a Local and Targeted Worker Hire clause is not included for this project. Additionally, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations requires an award to the lowest bidder to be eligible for Federal funding; therefore, the County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to this project.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to improve traffic signal safety is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 4, 5, 14, and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<https://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/>

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Economic Opportunity to maximize outreach.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving traffic flow and safety for motorists and pedestrians thereby benefiting the community.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,



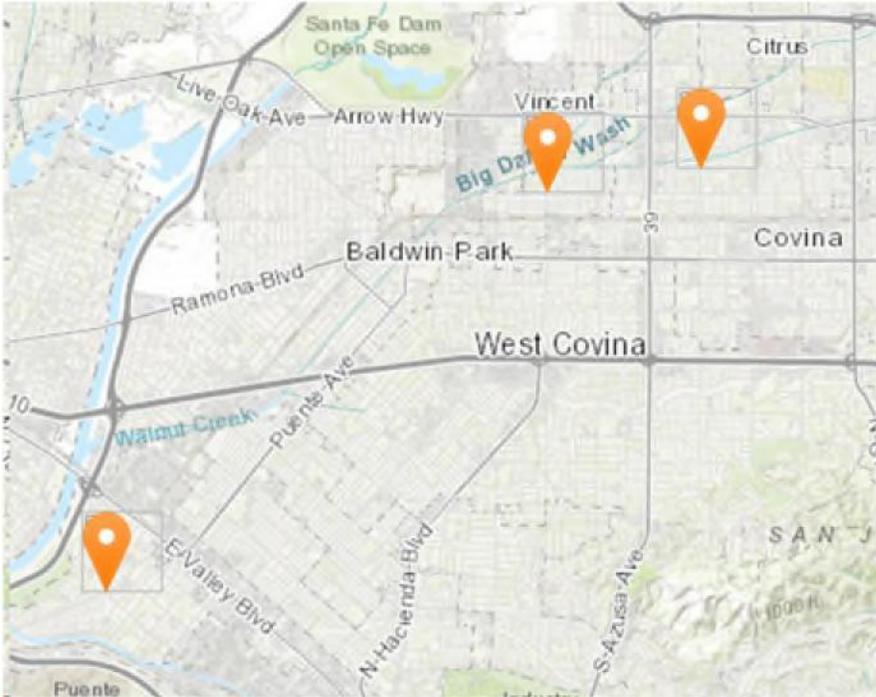
MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Project Group 1
Project ID No. TDS0001707



PROJECT NAME: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAFETY PROJECT GROUP 1
PROJECT ID NO.: TDS0001707

List of specific brand names in accordance with State Public Contract Code Section 3400:

	<u>Item/Category</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>PCC 3400 Justification*</u>	<u>Detailed Justification</u>
1.	Traffic Signal Controller Software	Fourth Dimension Traffic	D4 Firmware (Version 1.5L-39)	(2)	D4 firmware in the 2070 Advanced Traffic Controller is necessary to maintain compatibility with the current traffic control system used in Public Works' Traffic Management Center.
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*(1) In order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use. (2) In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion. (3) In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source. (4) (A) In order to respond to an emergency declared by a local agency, but only if the declaration is approved by a four-fifths vote of the governing board of the local agency issuing the invitation for bid or request for proposals. (B) In order to respond to an emergency declared by the state, a state agency, or political subdivision of the state, but only if the facts setting forth the reasons for the finding of the emergency are contained in the public records of the authority issuing the invitation for bid or request for proposals.